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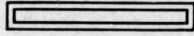
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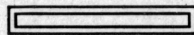
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EDITORIALS

THE ALUMNI—"In a very just sense and in a very large degree the fortunes of the University (or college) are committed to your hands."—DR. JAMES R. ANGELL.

Greatest Team Since 1914

THOSE clever, fighting Tigers, coached by the skillful tutelage of Coaches Wynne, Kiley, and McAllister came to the final barrier of the season with a win in every game. It only remained to defeat South Carolina to have a clear claim on the Southern Conference title. But this contest resulted in a 20 to 20 tie to mar the season's spotless record.

So that's that and it can't be helped. Nevertheless, there is nothing but praise for the team's fine exhibition throughout the season and no alibies are offered by coaches, team, or faculty. Most sports writers give Tennessee the edge over Auburn as having the best claim to the championship and the experts have no doubt based their decision on an unbiased view of the matter.

This does not overshadow the accomplishment which has been Auburn's this year in the fine record made by the Tigers. To have begun three years ago with a team that won not a single conference game and to have won six within the organization this year with no defeats for the season and only one tie is a record which would more than please any school at any time. Duke, Tech, Tulane, Ole Miss., Florida, and Georgia fell before the Tigers this year. We congratulate Coach Wynne and his superb team.

Christmas Tale

THE other day through the medium of press and radio, a grim story of misery and squalor, poverty and death, appalled the people of Alabama and the South. In a two-room shack in Lauderdale County, Alabama, a family of seven people, suffering from the pinch of poverty, probably undernourished, and poorly clad, were stricken with influenza. They received no medical assistance. Influenza ripened into pneumonia. They were found by a party of hunters after the mother and two infants had died. The other members of the family were seriously ill. One corpse had been interred, presumably by the family. The mother and one infant were lying dead in the house. The world now knows the story of the Tom Murphy family.

What a commentary upon our civilization! What a reminder that the grey wolves of hunger, misery, and despair still lurk in the shadowy places! Christmas time in Alabama will be celebrated this year in a somewhat more subdued fashion than usual in all the strata of our society. Yet in the vast majority of cases there will be genuine cheer and cause for rejoicing. There are not many Murphy families. Yet one such family is one too many.

It is a pitiful story, and one that should not be shrugged away. It offers the occasion for many speculations upon the age in which we live. Let us look around us, and try to bring some aid to those forgotten of God's children who are fighting barehanded against great odds merely to live, to keep alive, in this darkest winter that Alabama has known since Reconstruction Days.

Emphasizing Scholarship

AT the beginning of the fall session Auburn students were required to make a passing grade of 70 instead of 60 as heretofore. Upon compilation of grades at mid-semester in the latter part of November, this faculty ruling resulted in a greatly increased number of students being placed on probation lists with the possibility of being dropped from the college rolls at the end of the semester.

All students placed on probation after mid-semester examinations for the second consecutive time were suspended from college for the remainder of the 1932-33 session, it was announced following a meeting of the executive council on December 13. The students affected by this ruling cannot re-enter college until the beginning of the summer session in 1933.

The council thereby served notice to all other mid-semester probation students that they will be suspended if they are found to be on probation at the close of the present semester, or after final examinations in January.

A regular student who fails to make a minimum of 70 on eleven credit hours of work is placed on the probation list. Students on probation are notified and the notice is to be regarded as a serious warning and also a challenge for improvement in scholastic work.

Dean John J. Wilmore, Administrative Committee chairman, said that students should feel free to talk with their instructors and professors about their work, getting suggestions from them on ways in which they may improve their work. Faculty members are happy to serve in this way any student who is earnestly and sincerely trying to do satisfactory study at Auburn.

The above information reflects the rigid regard for scholarship standards at Auburn, with the attitude of the faculty being in every way helpfully sympathetic with those students who have come to Auburn with a real seriousness for worthwhile scholarship.

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Meet Chet Wynne

PERHAPS you say I have, meaning, of course, the casual way in which one is introduced to new acquaintances, but one may meet Chet Wynne, the Auburn coach, many times and never meet Chet Wynne, the man.

Most football coaches, especially in our larger institutions, have their personalities built up for them by sport writers with a flare for clever phrases and for that very reason even they are handicapped for really knowing the men behind the masks which coaches are forced by tradition to wear. In this respect, Chet Wynne is no exception, but knowing Chet Wynne, the man, will help one to understand how great has been his achievement in bringing Auburn from the very foot of the football ladder to the top of the Southern Conference within the incredibly short space of three years.

I first met Chet Wynne shortly after his arrival in Auburn three years ago when he came from Creighton University to take charge of a Tiger team that was, to all apparent purposes, toothless, clawless, and very, very mangy. He alone realized the size of the assignment and in characteristic manner he made neither promises nor prophecies of what he would do for Auburn. Even during the past glorious and glamorous season which has left Auburn just short of a Southern Conference championship by the margin of a toe, the toe being the failure to kick one of the three goals against an inspired South Carolina team, he has made no claims to being either a superman himself or having eleven or more such men on his team—and should he remain at Auburn for the remainder of his life, as his many friends would like to have him do, he will be equally silent on the outcome of games before they are in the bag.

I have always liked Chet Wynne—everybody does, it seems—and last August, having a conviction that our football team promised to be of championship or at least near championship caliber, I sought to give him a bit of personal publicity through the medium of an interview for later

By CHAS. P. WEAVER



COACH WYNNE

publication. The engagement was made without difficulty and a college stenographer was engaged to give verbatim authenticity to the article, but at the appointed time he failed to appear. I confess that I was disappointed, but his generous apology

later proved that he takes his job as coach much more seriously than public acclaim, for at the last moment he had had to leave town to insure that some of his promising material for the team would be able to attend college this year. In fact, the interview was postponed until about two weeks after college had opened. The results, however, entirely justified the delay, for through it I came to know for the first time Chet Wynne, the man.

One of the first questions I asked him was how he thought the Southern Conference teams would finish the season. Barring his characteristic modesty about Auburn, his answer shows that he is an astute judge of football as played by other institutions. "The five ranking teams in the Southern Conference," he replied, "are Tennessee, Alabama, Tulane, Vanderbilt, and perhaps Georgia. They will finish in about that order."

"Which do you consider more important in developing a championship football team, good material or good coaching," I next inquired.

"They are very closely related. The first secret is good material. For instance, you let me use good men against my opponents, even though they have better coaches than I am, and I will beat them more than half the time."

He paused for a moment in a reminiscent mood and I waited for him to proceed. "Discipline is the greatest thing in football," he continued. "I never thought my old coach, Rockne, had superior material, but he was the greatest disciplinarian I have ever encountered in mass psychology. Moreover, he had the support of the institution he represented in the question of discipline. Notre Dame, you know, keeps a mighty close tab on the boys. They have eating hours and retiring hours. Here at Auburn I have the boys two hours during the day, and so far as any real discipline is concerned I do not know what they do the other twenty-two hours. Discipline helps and I am a great stickler for discipline in all things. I learned it under Rockne.

Once I stopped to tie my shoe on the field and Rockne put me on the fourth team to think it over. When I finally got back on the varsity I was careful to see that my shoe string never came untied again. Not only did mine never come untied again but the result was that no other player ever let his come untied either."

Like Rockne he is exceedingly human and makes a close study not only of the technique of each one of his players but of his personality as well and even of his passing moods. In order to play his best, a player must have a wholesome attitude toward life. He must not only love the game but he must have a cheerful disposition. "A man does not think well when he is down on the world. His feelings get hurt so often that it affects his playing. When one's opponents team up on a player and make the going rough, he must take it in the spirit of play and come up smiling. Bad sportsmanship only makes the situation more difficult. Even one's opponents admire a good-natured player. It is good psychology and helps in the end."

Having done a bit of amateur coaching following my graduation and remembering my own nervousness during a game, I asked him if professional coaches ever got over this feeling. His answer revealed again the man. "I think ninety-nine per cent of professional coaches in a critical game are absolutely panicky before the kick-off. But five minutes later they become composed and start a real analyzation of the situation, begin to watch each individual player, and perhaps to make substitutions. In our game with South Carolina last year I was so worried that I found myself right out in the playing field once when the ball was in the air for a forward pass."

Remembering that he had coached in the North before coming to Auburn, I asked him how the quality of football played in the North compared with that in the South.

"First of all," he replied, "high schools and prep schools in the South are less known. Students generally do not play as good football in the South before they get to college as they do in the North, because there they have better coaching and better schedules. Yet our boys down here, I think, are just as good football men. They play the game just as well as they do in the North when they get the same amount of training northern boys have. It seems to me backs in the South are better than backs in the North—in fact, a little

DR. OSCAR M. SCHLOSS '01 TAKES HIGH POSITION

Dr. Oscar M. Schloss '01 was recently appointed head of the department of children's diseases in New York City's new Rockefeller Medical Centre. Dr. Schloss is said to be one of the foremost authorities in America on diseases of children.

After graduating at Auburn in 1901, Dr. Schloss received his M.D. degree at Johns Hopkins University in 1905.

niftier, I believe. I attribute this to the fact that they play a lot of baseball and are out of doors more months of the year than boys in the colder climate. In addition to this, I think the boy in the South probably has a little more pride and, therefore, a better spirit."

There is an old saying that a man is never a hero to his valet and yet those who know Coach Wynne most intimately are his greatest admirers. I asked a prominent member of the team to get for me an intimate close-up of the man from the players themselves and the following was the result:

"The best and greatest coach and man I've ever been under."

"Our troubles are his."

"No finer character can exist in any man."

"He strives to be first as a coach and a gentleman; he is successful as both."

"He has an individual interest in each of us."

"A fine head-coach of the best coaching staff in the world."

"There can be no better coach."

In conclusion I quote the words of the president of the A Club, who has worked under him for the past three years. It is, I believe, the most adequate estimate of those who know him best not only as a coach but as a man:

"As a coach, I can pay no tribute high and worthy enough of Chet Wynne, but as a man his high qualities even exceed those of him as a coach. He has been called a miracle coach—to us, the members of the football team, he is a miracle man. During his short three years here at Auburn he has won the love and admiration of all who know and come in contact with him, and we boys look upon him for advice the same as we would from our own fathers. He has done a work here, not only in athletics but in character building and in

'TIME' MENTIONS TIGERS

IN ISSUE OF NOV. 28TH

Recognition of Auburn's fine football record was carried as follows in the November 28th issue of "Time".

"Auburn (Alabama Polytechnic Institute) has an extraordinary football team, called 'Tigers' or 'Plainsmen'. Its coach is Chet Wynne, Notre Dame fullback in 1921. Captain and left halfback is Jimmy Hitchcock, baldish, small, fast, whom Auburn publicists like to compare with famed Red Grange. Quarterback "Ripper" Williams is a clever arrogant field general. The Tigers have a chinless end, David (Gump) Atrial, who may make the all-American, a stuttering sophomore end named Bennie Fenton. So far this season Auburn has made 255 points to its opponents' 34. Last week Auburn emerged from a close shave—14-to-7—against Georgia with a claim to its first Southern Conference Championship that will probably be substantiated by the Auburn-South Carolina game this week."

TIGERS FINISHED SEASON WITH UNDEFEATED RECORD

Auburn 61, Birmingham-Southern	0
Auburn 77, Erskine	0
Auburn 18, Duke	7
Auburn 6, Georgia Tech	0
Auburn 19, Tulane	7
Auburn 14, Ole Miss	7
Auburn 25, Howard	0
Auburn 21, Florida	6
Auburn 14, Georgia	7
Auburn 20, South Carolina	20
275	54

This is the best record any Auburn football team has made since 1914. The Tigers were the first southern team to defeat Tulane in the last four years and the 1932 season was highly successful. Auburn and Tennessee were the only two teams in the Southern Conference to finish the past campaign without a defeat and they will be recognized by a majority of the sports writers as the 1932 co-champions of the then 23-team Southern Conference. Only T. C. U., with 283 points, outscored the Tigers among the nation's high scoring elevens.

preparing us for the game of life that we shall remember all the days of our lives. In conclusion, let me say that the shortest and highest tribute we can pay such a man is to say that he is a true Christian and a gentleman."

And a thousand other voices say, AMEN.

Alumni Give Elaborate Football Banquet

By OLE TIMER

In the Atlanta Journal

FOUR decades were spanned at the Auburn dinner Monday night (Dec. 5)—the forty between the team of 1892 which participated in the first intercollegiate competition in this section and the team of 1932, which had finished up last week as fine a campaign as southern football had seen in the interim.

The dinner which brought to the loveliest village of the plains many alumni, now distinguished in business and profession in two states, was one of the most genuinely enthusiastic and enjoyable that it has ever been the pleasure of this ancient wayfarer to attend.

Not only were the coaching staff and members of the present brilliant team praised and presented with practical expressions of admiration, but graceful and touching tribute was paid to the scholarly and beloved "father of football at Auburn."

The inscription on the silver plaque, beautifully mounted on ebony, tells the story. It reads as follows: "To Dr. George Petrie, who introduced football at Auburn in 1891; coached its first team and led it to victory in its first game in February, 1892; this token of appreciation is presented in graceful acknowledgment of his outstanding contribution to southern football and Auburn's part therein; distinguished for scholarly attainments; acclaimed for service in every field of educational effort; held in affectionate regard; Auburn alumni hail him 'the father of football at Auburn', December, 1932."

After the presentation, made in behalf of the Auburn Alumni Association by Tom Bragg, Dr. Petrie responded in a touching talk.

Jimmy Hitchcock, the dashing leader of the Tigers in this year of its great achievements, was given a silver football of regulation size, mounted and suitably inscribed. Watches were given to the nine members of the squad who have finished their football careers. They were: Hitchcock, Hannis Prim, Lee Johnson, Donald Jones, Cary Senn, Bob Arthur, Ike Parker, Tom Brown and Porter Grant.

Every member of the coaching staff, Chet Wynne, the head man; Roger Kiley, Sam McAllister, Wilbur

Hutsell, Earl McFadden and Ralph Jordan, were given handsome traveling bags, as also was Mrs. Wynne.

John Denson, of Opelika, presided as toastmaster, but the meeting was turned over at various stages to Tom Bragg and Charles Debardeleben, of Birmingham; Haygood Patterson, of Montgomery, and finally to Dr. George Blue, of Montgomery, now president of the Alumni Association.

Glowing praise was heaped on the coaching staff and the members of the squad by the various spokesmen, the alumni being of the unanimous opinion that the present team had written in Auburn's athletic history its most lustrous pages.

Before the dinner, George W. (Ripper) Williams, of Tuscumbia, Ala., the great young quarterback, was elected by the lettermen to be captain next year, Henry Chambliss, of Montgomery, being chosen as alternate.

Letters were awarded to the following named: Johnson, Musgrove, and Chrietzburg, centers; Chambliss, Jones, Welch and Wood, guards; McCollum, Prim, Holmes, Miller, and Paterson, tackles; Ariail, Grant, Senn, Fenton, and Kemp, ends; Williams and Parker, quarterbacks; Hitchcock, Phipps, Rogers, and Kimbrell, halfbacks, and Dupree, Talley and Tom Brown, fullbacks.

Hitchcock Makes All-American Team With Unanimous Selection by Experts

CAPTAIN Jimmy Hitchcock, the Union Springs Galloping Ghost, became Auburn's first official all-American football player at the close of the 1932 campaign. Standing out at halfback in the 10 games Coach Chet Wynne's 1932 undefeated Tigers played, Hitchcock's flawless playing stamped him as the greatest back ever to wear the Orange and Blue.

Here are a few of the major first all-American elevens on which he has already been selected: Associated Press, All-American Board of Football, Collier's, International News,

Atlanta Journal, New York World-Telegram, New York Daily Mirror, Parke H. Davis, and others.

Following is the selection made by the All-American Board of Football: Ends, Moss of Purdue and Petoskey of Michigan; tackles, Kurth of Notre Dame and Smith of Southern California; guards, Smith of Colgate and Corbus of Stanford; center, Krueger of Marquette; quarterback, Newman of Michigan; halfbacks, **Hitchcock of Auburn** and Heller of Pittsburgh; fullback, Hortsman of Purdue.

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1932-33 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Dec. 12—Auburn All-Stars, in Auburn (39-41).
- Dec. 14—Hubbard Hardware, in Auburn (20-21).
- Jan. 4—Auburn All-Stars, in Auburn.
- Jan. 7—Lanett Athletic Club, in Auburn.
- Jan. 11—Georgia Tech, in Atlanta.
- Jan. 20—Birmingham-Southern, in Birmingham.
- Jan. 21—Vanderbilt, in Nashville.
- Jan. 24-25—L. S. U., in Auburn.
- Jan. 28—Open (will be filled).
- Feb. 3-4—Tulane, in Auburn.
- Feb. 9—Vanderbilt, in Auburn.
- Feb. 11—Georgia, in Athens.
- Feb. 17-18—Florida, in Auburn.
- Feb. 24-28—Southeastern Conference Tournament, in Atlanta.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Haley on November 5. The youngster, who weighted eight and one-half pounds, has been named Charles Paul after his two grandfathers, one of whom is a trustee of Auburn. Mr. Haley is doing research work on a fellowship in the Auburn School of Textile Engineering. His father, Hon. P. S. Haley, of Oakman, is a member of the Auburn Board of Trustees.

Victor R. White, Jr., editor-in-chief of The Plainsman last year, is assisting his father, who is tax assessor of Marion County. He lives at Hamilton, Ala.

That Wizard Halfback of the Nineties

THE remarkable record of this year's football team intensifies the interest in turning back the pages of Auburn's athletic history. At the very inception of football at Auburn in the early nineties we find some outstanding achievements on the gridiron which furnish enough material for many hours of reminiscing.

And thinking specifically of great running backs, we find one of Auburn's greatest in the person of Dr. Rufus T. (Dutch) Dorsey who is now a well known and highly successful typhoid fever specialist in Atlanta, Ga. Despite the intervening span of four decades, a perusal of the tattered old newspaper clippings in which the games are reported, there is convincing evidence that Dutch Dorsey would make an excellent running mate for the present illustrious Capt. Jimmy Hitchcock on Auburn's All-Time Team.

In this position the Alumnus votes that he should remain for we find such statements as these in reports of the game with Sewanee in Montgomery on November 19, 1893: "Dorsey, working like a Trojan of old, skirts right end for 12 yards . . . Dorsey, untiring and full of bulldog grit, gets around right end for the entire distance and makes a touchdown . . . Dorsey makes run of forty yards, finally to be stopped by three Sewanee tacklers . . . the last man is dodged and Dorsey falls flat, fairly and squarely behind Sewanee's goal posts, after a tremendous run of 85 yards, having outsprinted the best and fastest of the Sewanee team". Auburn won 16 to 14.

And then in the Vanderbilt game in Montgomery on November 7, 1893: "Eight minutes after the game began Dorsey gains 67 yards to make his second touchdown of the day . . . The crowd (2,000) enjoyed the magnificent run beyond measure and thundered its applause . . . Dorsey makes another great gain of 35 yards in the third quarter . . . Goodson of Vanderbilt makes a beautiful run of 39 yards but fleet-footed Dorsey was too fast for him; pursues him, makes a spring, a tackle, and Mr. Goodson bites the dust . . . Auburn's ball and a flying V showed its effectiveness by a 14-yard gain, Dorsey carrying the ball . . . Dorsey kicks goal, putting his team in the lead 30 to 10 (the final score). . . . Dorsey squirms through center for

20 yards . . . Dorsey makes a long, jumping run around right end . . . three touchdowns were made by Dorsey, one by Riggs and one by Harvey . . . Dorsey kicked five goals . . .

Exactly the same sort of references to this great player, who captained the team of 1893, are found in the detailed write-up of the game with the University of Alabama on November 30 in Montgomery: During the first nine minutes Dorsey slipped around end for 9 yards and a touchdown—and so on in the manner of the above games with the additional fact that one of his phenomenal runs in this game was for 85 yards. Says the report of the game: "Dorsey sustained his brilliant record. His run of 85 yards pleased the crowd. Another of 50 was a good second. As a dodger, he has no equal outside of political circles".

Dorsey weighed only 130 pounds but as a broken field runner with tremendous speed, as a kicker, and as a captain he probably has never been eclipsed by any back in the South. He made the first touchdown ever scored by an Auburn team and has the distinction of having selected the Auburn colors of orange and blue.

All of Mr. Dorsey's prowess is not limited to football, for he was a fine baseball player and to him goes the honor of having won the 100-yard dash in the first track meet or the first official field day held at Auburn. It took place on May 1, 1894, and was termed "Annual Field Day". The printed "programme" for the event lists R. T. Dorsey as president of the athletic committee along with the following other officers: Jack Thorington, treasurer; J. A. Duncan, secretary; R. C. Foy, field marshal; O. E. Edwards, starter, P. P. McKeown and W. H. Paterson.

"All the town, men, women, and children, and all students turned out this afternoon to witness the first day sports of the A. and M. cadets", says a report of the event in the Daily Advertiser of Montgomery. "Under the presidency of Capt. R. T. Dorsey, the Athletic Association has done much to develop a general interest in athletics among the students and the contest was decidedly the best ever held in Auburn.

"Not only were the records remarkably good when it is taken into account that they were not made on a cinder path but on a course laid out on the rough campus but the

large number of entries in each contest indicate the general interest taken in the event by the body of students. This is the first year that records of the races have been kept, so it is not possible to compare the time with that on previous occasions here. Nevertheless, in many contests the record compares favorably with those made a few days ago at the University of Georgia. The following was the program:

100-yard dash, won by Dorsey; Peevey, second. Time, 10 3-5 seconds.

"Shoe Race, won by Byhum; Tichnor, second.

"Throwing hammer, won by Redding; Byrum second. Distance 62 feet 5 inches.

"Hurdle race, 120 yards, won by Dorsey; Perkins, second. Time 17 4-5 seconds.

"Egg race, won by McBride; Chambers, G., second.

"Putting shot, won by Redding; Byrum, second. Distance 32 feet 10 inches.

"Three-legged race, won by by Tichnor and Perkins; Rike and Wright, second.

"Quarter mile run, won by Peevey; Cheers, second. Time 55 1-5 seconds. "Standing broad jump, won by Dunham; Redding, second. Distance 9 feet 10 inches.

Sack race, won by Smythe; Nelson, second.

"Throwing baseball, won by Carter; Smith, second. Distance 312 feet 6 inches.

"Standing high jump, won by Dunham; Smith, second. Height 4 feet 5 1-4 inches.

"Running high kick, won by Vaughan; Edwards, second. Height 7 feet 8 inches.

"Running high jump, won by Smith; Dorsey, second. Height 4 feet 11 1-2 inches.

"Potato race, won by Smyth; Cheers, second.

"Running broad jump, won by Dunham; Redding, second; Dorsey, although not entered, jumped 18 feet 9 inches.

"Pole vault, won by Byrum; Edwards, second. Height 8 feet 3 inches.

"At the close of the exercises there was a tug of war between the classes which was won by the Freshmen.

"Silver medals for special excellence were awarded to Dorsey, Redding
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Walter P. Holcombe Enjoys Success Achieved By 1932 Football Team

"IT has given me a thrill to have Auburn's name brought in wherever football is being talked this year," says Walter P. Holcombe, who was a graduate student in electrical engineering and mechanical engineering and a prominent Auburn athlete in 1896-97. Mr. Holcombe is vice-president of the Brooklyn Edison Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.

In a letter to the alumni secretary, Mr. Holcombe says that the season's record is "truly a remarkable performance in every respect and inspiring from every angle."

He enclosed a program of the first Yale-Harvard football game in 1876 that was used as a place card at a luncheon given recently to football stars and coaches in and around New York. Among the notables attending this luncheon were Eddie Hart, Foster Sanford, George Little, John Heisman, and Ed Thorpe. The latter showed particular interest in Auburn.

Mr. Holcombe is a native of Mobile; he was born there November 20, 1874, the son of Sallie Taylor and Richard Spencer Holcombe. He has one brother, Armstead R. Holcombe, managing editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, and one sister, Mrs. Daniel McNeill. After the death of both parents, he lived at Jackson, La., with an aunt and an uncle from 1886 to 1896.

He went to school at old Centenary College of Jackson, La., and was graduated from there, taking the B.S. degree in June, 1896.

The following September Mr. Holcombe came to Auburn as a graduate student, studying special work in mechanics and electricity without reference to a degree. He had work under General Lane, Prof. A. F. McKissick, Dr. Smith, and Dean Wilmore.

In 1896 he played football, trying to supplant Capt. Reynolds "Tick" Tichnor at quarterback, but he landed as "sub" quarter. In 1897 Mr. Holcombe became quarter and field captain, but the team was disbanded before the end of the season on account of a player in the Georgia-Virginia game.

Mr. Holcombe played shortstop and was manager of the 1897 baseball team.

He went in 1898 with the Electric Lighting Co., of Mobile, but left there

later in the year to go with the U. S. Engineer Corps at Fort Morgan on submarine mining and harbor defense in the Spanish-American War.

He returned to the Mobile company in 1902, resigning his position as assistant superintendent in 1904 to join the Wesco Supply Co., of St. Louis, in charge of their work at the St. Louis World's Fair.

In 1905, after the fair, he became connected with the Frank Adam Electric Co., of St. Louis, as engineer on design and construction work, and resided in St. Louis until 1912. From 1912 to 1917, Mr. Holcombe was employed in the same capacity but lived in Detroit, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, and Washington, returning to St. Louis in 1917. He left St. Louis in 1918 to join the John H. Busby Co., in Detroit, on electrical engineering and construction work.

He was invited by Mr. M. S. Sloan, in 1920, to join the staff of the Brooklyn Edison Co. as purchasing agent; Mr. Sloan at that time was president of the company.

Mr. Holcombe was made vice-president of the organization by Mr. Sloan in 1926 and has since remained in this capacity.

He was married in 1914 to Miss Myra Van DerSlice, of St. Louis. He has three children, Virginia Taylor, age 17; Ruth D'Armand, 14; and Myra Elizabeth, 7.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn; Masonic Order, Scottish Rite and Shrine; American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and National Electrical Light Association. Mr. Holcombe also is a member of the following clubs: Crescent Athletic-Hamilton, Brooklyn; Engineers, New York City; Downtown Athletic, N. Y., vice-president and life member; Sayville Golf

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❖ 1875 ❖

One of Auburn's oldest and most distinguished alumni is Frank C. Dillard, member of a law firm in Sherman, Texas. His address is 1212 S. Crockett St. Mr. Dillard, since graduation, has served as interstate commerce attorney of Harriman Lines;

vice-president and general counsel of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway; president, Texas Bar Association; member General Council, American Bar Association; and vice-president for Texas, American Bar Association. In addition to the B.S. degree, Mr. Dillard holds the LL.D., bestowed upon him by Austin College in Texas.

❖ 1898 ❖

The address of Ashleigh Strudwick Moses is 111 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

❖ 1899 ❖

Col. Hartley A. Moon is Adjutant-General of the State of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery.

❖ 1900 ❖

Edwin Bukofzer, of New York City, surprised his friends at Auburn on December 8, when he visited here and spent the entire day visiting on the campus. No more enthusiastic Auburn man has been on a visit here in many a day; he was delighted to note the progress made since last visit. Mr. Bukofzer saw many of his old friends.

❖ 1904 ❖

Congressman John McDuffie, B.S. '04, of the U. S. House of Representatives, is one of the foremost Democratic candidates for the speakership of the House to succeed Vice-President-elect Garner, present speaker.

Mr. McDuffie's services as a legislator have extended over a period of 25 years, and since 1919 he has represented the First Alabama District in the House. At present he is the Democratic "whip".

❖ 1905 ❖

C. H. Johnson is manager for the Campbell Construction Company, contractors who are paving the road from Auburn to Tuskegee.

❖ 1906 ❖

Except for a period during the World War in which he served as a first lieutenant in the U. S. Engineers, Clayton St. J. Hale has been actively connected with the electrical industry. Took the General Electric Company's student course, Lynn, Mass.; served as meter tester, assistant engineer, and superintendent of meters for concerns on the Pacific coast for several years; then became an employee of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., San Jose, Calif., as meter tester, draughtsman, and chief of party in the Valuations Department. Now assistant superintendent for the Pacific Co. Member Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity; master of F. and A. M. lodge; president of a local social club. Address: 867 Villa Ave., San Jose, Calif.

❖ 1909 ❖

Harry George Culverhouse lives in Birmingham, where he holds a position as county engineer. He was assistant engineer for Jefferson County, 1912-20; office, maintenance, and assistant state engineer, 1920-25; engineer, Jefferson County, 1925-26;

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manager bond department, Jemison-Seibles Ins. Co., 1926-28; and member Jefferson County Board of Revenue, 1928-30. He is the author of several articles dealing with highway engineering. Takes an active part in civic and fraternal work; director of southeastern district, American Association of Engineers, 1922-28; president, North Birmingham Community Club; past master, A. F. and A. M. lodge; member Exchange Club; organizer and first president of County Commissioners Association of Alabama. Mr. Culverhouse is married and has three children, a daughter in college, another daughter in high school, and a son in elementary school. His address is 1440 No. 31st St., Birmingham.

1913

Harvey C. Heath is county agent for Chambers County, Ala., having been in this type of work since 1915. He has served as agent in the following counties: Barbour County, Ala., 1915-16; Marshall County, Miss., 1917-18-19; Grenada County, Miss., 1920; Butler County, Ala., 1921-22; and Chambers County, since 1924. During 1923 he had charge of Heath Mercantile Co., Enterprise, Ala. Was married in 1915 to Miss Katreen Fleming, of Enterprise. Mr. Heath's address is LaFayette, Ala.

The chief diversion of Oliver I. Gaines is the operation of a 38-acre farm, and on which he lives, located 20 miles from Baltimore; in conjunction he has a small dairy and ice cream business. Married a Grand

Bay, Ala., girl, and has two children, a son and a daughter. Positions held since leaving college: graduate course, Westinghouse Co.; Jr. Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines; First Lt., C. U. S., U. S. Army, and associate electrical engineer, U. S. Civil Service. During and since the war he has worked on the development of gas masks, with numerous secret reports, patents, and specifications relative to his work. He is now active in church work, teaching a class of high school boys; he is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Address: R. F. D., Edgewood, Md.

1925

J. F. Jordan is attending the University of Pennsylvania, and from there he will go to Harvard for a degree in the business administration course. For seven years he has been a salesman and engineer for the General Electric Co. Mr. Jordan is a member of Eta Kappa Nu honorary electrical engineering fraternity.

John E. Payne holds the position of manager of Resale Division, Pittsburgh District, in the sales department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. He has been with this organization since graduation, having served one year in the graduate division, one year in the general engineering department, and five years in the district sales department. He was married recently to Miss Mary Sallie Hall. Mr. Payne is a member of Tau Beta Pi honorary and Sigma Pi social fraternity. Address: 120 Central Square, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1926

Temp. S. Davis, Jr., is a sales engineer for the General Electric Co., with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. He was formerly in the Harrison, N. J., offices of the organization. Graduated in electrical engineering; was member Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu; R. O. T. C. captain. Address: General Electric Co., Atlanta.

Samuel Roy Gibbons is an agricultural engineer, with the Alabama Power Co., devoting his time to rural electrification work. He is married

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❖ 1930 ❖

Douglas O. Baird, who graduated in electrical engineering, was transferred recently from the Testing Department of the General Electric Co., at Schenectady, N. Y., to the Patent Department of that company in Washington, D. C.

Fletcher N. Farrington has held the position of county agent in Tallapoosa County since March, 1932; he held a similar office in Pike County, Ala., from 1930 to 1932. During his undergraduate years he was a member of the football and track teams and the glee club; a member of Square and Compass, Kappa Delta Pi, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Spiked Shoe fraternities. Mr. Farrington is married and has two daughters. Address: Dadeville, Ala.

❖ 1932 ❖

Ben B. Mabson, Jr., is a city civil engineer at Greenville, Ala. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social and Tau Beta Pi honorary fraternities.

T. N. Pyke gives his address as 30 Sayre St., Montgomery. He was a prominent member of his class; was active in forensic work and winner of the annual oratorical contest for three consecutive years. Mr. Pyke graduated with honor and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, Phi Delta Gamma, and Alpha Phi Epsilon honor fraternities.

W. P. HOLCOMBE
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and Country, Long Island; Island Hills Golf and Country, Long Island, life member; New York Southern Society, and Kappa Alpha Southern Club.

Mr. Holcombe's residential address is 32 Sidney Place, Brooklyn; his business address: Brooklyn Edison Co., 380 Pearl St., Brooklyn.

IN MEMORIAM

JESSE L. CULVER '92

Jesse Locke Culver, 59, prominent Atlanta church worker and widely known insurance man, died November 10. He graduated from Auburn with the B.S. degree in 1892.

Mr. Culver, who was born in Perote, Alabama, had lived many years in Atlanta, being associated with the Royal Insurance Co. He was a leader in church work, being on the board of deacons of the Jackson Hill Baptist Church, and was active in church baseball and basketball leagues.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, two daughters, his mother, four sisters, and three brothers, one of whom is A. N. Culver, '00, of Montgomery.

DAN S. DENTON (ex-'14)

Dan S. Denton, of Gainesville, Ga., who attended Auburn and studied civil engineering, died Monday, November 28, as the result of an automobile accident several days previously. The city commissioners of Gainesville adopted resolutions praising Mr. Denton, who for the past five years had been city manager of Gainesville. The resolutions to Mr. Denton, concluding with the statement that "the people of Gainesville have lost one of the most outstanding men of the community, one of the truest friends and most loyal public officials in the city's history".

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And while Auburn men everywhere are rejoicing over the comeback of the Plainsmen, an extra degree of satisfaction comes to the tall, spare figure who coached Auburn's first team but who long since has turned the duties over to other hands and surrounded himself with history books.

Now dean of the graduate school, Dr. Petrie confines his activities to the golf links where he goes for an occasional round and no one, duffer or expert, gets more kick out of a lusty drive down the fairway than he.

The powers that made Dr. Petrie a historian found a happy medium in making him a teacher of the subject. A brilliant lecturer endowed with a warm sense of humor which he uses in successfully putting himself across, he is an institution at the college.—Associated Press, Nov. 25.

WIZARD HALFBACK

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ding, Dunham, Smith, and Peevey. A gold medal for the best all-around athlete was given to Mr. Dunham.

"At night the Sophomores had their annual declamation contest. Mr. Tichenor, of Atlanta, won the prize."

The silver medal awarded to Mr. Dorsey is still among his possessions as evidence of his having won the 100-yard dash in this first official track and field day held at Auburn. The Alumnus is hereby glad to correct an error appearing in the August 1930 issue which did not give him credit for this achievement during his college days at Auburn.

ALUMNI DUES

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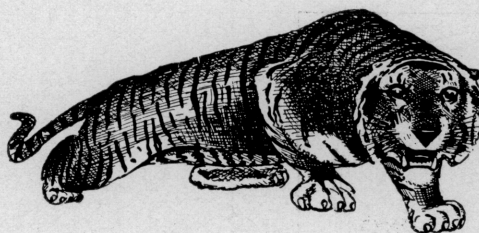
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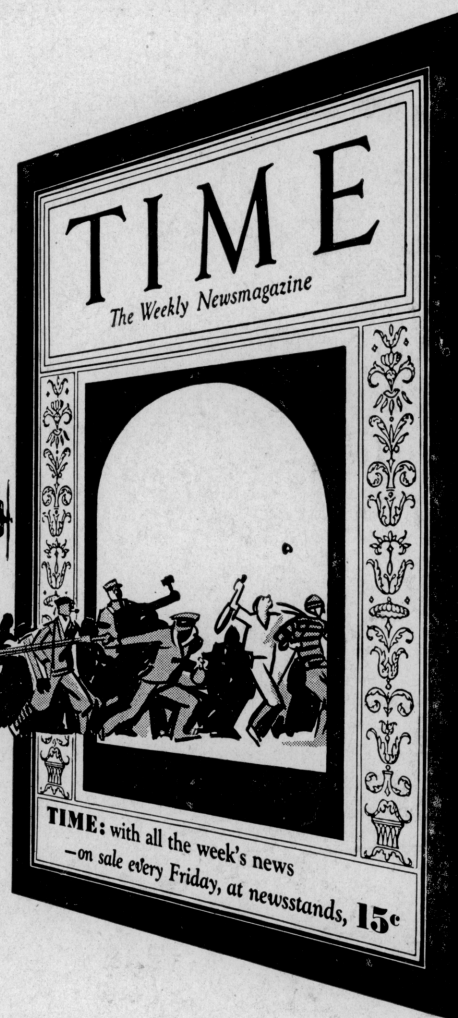
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